Prices of paraxylene

881. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 740 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1990 and state:

(a) the current prices of paraxylene in the international market;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to mop up the extra-ordinary profits of the users of imported paraxylene;

(c) whether it is a fact that in such a situation Government increases customs duty on the imported material with a view to achieve the objective of keeping the marketing price of imported material slightly higher than the market price of indigenously produced material;

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to achieve the said object and collect adequate customs duty and also make imports unattractive; and

(e) if no action has been taken so far, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Current International prices of paraxylene ranges between 370-380 USS/T.

(b) to (e) Customs duty on imported materials is fixed from time to time taking into account various factors such as the international and domestic prices, fair selling prices, the prevailing demand-supply position etc.

Refusal by drug companies for submission of details

882. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 309 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th May, 1990 and state:

(a) what are the details of companies which have refused to Pay money or submit the details;

(b) what action has been taken against those companies;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have referred certain cases for recovery as arrears of land revenue; and

(d) if so, what are the details of such cases referred after the 1st January, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) While companies have not refused to give details to the Government, they have taken time to furnish the details or to submit their claims.

(b) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) and (d) No case has been referred for recovery as an arrears of land revenue, after 1st January, 1990.

Recovery from M/s. Hoechst

883. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hoechst have refused to pay money to Government following court judgement;

(b) if so, what action has been taken against the company for contempt of Court;

(c) whetheer his Ministry has made any claim of recovery from the Company;

(d) if so, when was the final claim made and what is their reply; and

(e) what are the names of drugs involved, claims made on each and what amount has been paid gaainst each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above no action is required at this state.

(c) to (e) A tentative amount of Rs. 24.91 crores as due upto December, 1983 have been communicated to the company. The representations of the company against